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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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	3,517,631	June, 1970	Weber			
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	11-179084	July, 1999	Japan				
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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